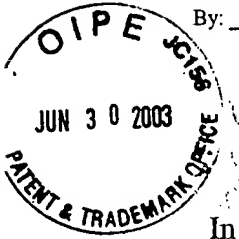


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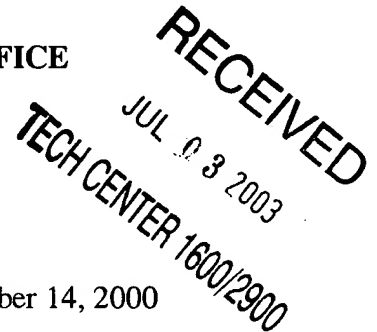
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated March 27, 2003. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 20, 31, 34, and 37 as follows.

For the Examiner's convenience, all pending claims are listed below. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."